

# DURHAM COUNTY JUVENILE CRIME PREVENTION COUNCIL

March 24, 2010 Meeting Minutes

Note Taker: Celia Jefferson

## **Members Present**

Brenda Howerton  
Gerri Robinson  
Nathan B. Curry  
Donald W. Pinchback  
Karen K. Thompson  
Anna Lee Mosley  
Fungai Bennett  
Pauletta Brown Bracy  
Gayle Harris  
William A. Marsh III  
Rev. Johnnie W. Foster, Jr.  
Angela Nunn  
Herman Scott  
Arnold Dennis  
David Addison

## **Excused Absences**

Julie Linehan  
Nancy Kent  
Rhonda Parker  
Timothy Burris

## **Absence**

Keith Howard

## **Others Present**

Donnie Phillips, DARYC  
Gudrun Parmer, CJRC

## **Welcome, Announcements and Community Concerns**

Angela Nunn, Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:15pm and opened with welcoming everyone and asking all to introduce themselves and share community concerns and announcements.

Arnold Dennis suggested that Renee Porter, Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC) person at the Juvenile Justice Institute at North Carolina Central University present before the board at our next meeting in April. Like the majority of counties in the state, Durham County has a need to address the over-representation of minorities in the Juvenile Justice System. The Institute has been awarded a 2-year grant to examine the issue from a systems perspective. The thrust of the initiative will be to identify targeted opportunities for interventions that can lead to mitigating DMC not only in Durham County but across the state.

Angela Nunn reminded the council that there are funds in the JCPC administrative budget to attend the 2010 North Carolina Juvenile Services Association Spring Conference coming up on April 7-9 at Carolina Beach, NC. The purpose of the conference is to develop and extend services for children and youth in North Carolina. To promote quality standards and practices in all services offering care, treatment, prevention, education and protection for children and youth.

## **News from DJJDP**

Cindy Porterfield informed the council that One on One and SOS program lost their fund base. All 118 lap tops/pcs from these two programs will be disbursed to all JCPC programs in NC on a first come first serve basis. She also stated that two trainings on Best Practices to better understand what the Governor wants from the gang intervention and prevention programs will be held in the NC East and Piedmont region the latter part of May. Cindy will share with Celia more details as they come in. She also stated that she did not know of any more budget cuts for this 4<sup>th</sup> quarter FY.

### **Durham At-Risk Youth Collaborative**

Donnie Phillip from the Durham At-Risk Youth Collaborative shared with the council information regarding the Durham County Comprehensive Gang Assessment recommendations. A copy of this report can be found on the Durham Police Department website. Donnie stated that at one of the Oversight Committee meetings, it was decided on the approach of the City/County that something had to be done with the recommendations listed in the report. The task was referred to the Durham's Gang Reduction Strategy Committee (GRS).

Donnie is setting up prevention sub-committees to expand gang awareness training that educates the media, parents and children. The sub-committees will look at youth that has been disconnected from family and schools. The plan is to help all Durham programs to know primary risk factors, and give each program an evidence base direction on how to determine if your program is effective. Donnie informed the council that the GRS committee will hold a meeting on March 25 at 12noon. The meeting will convene around the Faith Community on what process is being followed. See attached sheet. Donnie will be in touch with a website where minutes and meetings can be found. All the information that is being gathered will be added on the Network of Care website.

### **Minutes**

At this time, Angela asked the council to review minutes. **Motion:** Angela motioned that minutes from February 24, 2010 be accepted as presented. **Action:** Seconded and Approved.

### **Motivation Interviewing Training**

Angela informed the council of training on Motivation Interviewing/Cognitive Behavioral Therapy: An Evidence Based Approach that will be sponsored by JCPC coming up mid May. The training is open to Juvenile Justice Professionals.

### **Re-Allocated Funds**

Karen Thompson **Motioned** that any funds left from Emergency Shelter Crisis Intervention Service be reallocated to JCPC Program Providers. **Action:** Seconded and Approved.

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned.